

# The Snyder Signal

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## LEGISLATURE IN SESSION; ENDORSE WILSON'S POLICY

Gov. O. B. Colquitt sent a long message to the 34th legislature last week and suggested a number of improvements. Of course he knew they would not be taken up in his few remaining days. In fact, he probably didn't expect them to be considered at all. He still contends that his Texas bank idea and said it that committee objected to using the school assets, they could use funds belonging to the elementary institutions. He used much space in defending his administration—boasted of the 9-26 closing law showed that the party of progress has been successful and satisfactory. He has found it well to let counties on their own and they have done good road work without a shot gun guard over them.

He exploited his own course in defending the Texas border against the Mexican marauders and his sympathy to the Wilson policy was made manifest in several portions of his message.

Then the governor went his way and the legislature settled down to organize and wait for Governor Ferguson.

The law makers recessed last Friday until Monday, after nearly unanimously adopting a house resolution full endorsing President Wilson's wise and statesmanlike administration in all things and especially his watchful waiting in regard to Mexico and his dignified neutrality toward the European countries. Both houses voted to leave the appointment of committees in the hands of the presiding officers. There is a manifest disposition to steer clear of the prohibition question. Some of the leading pros decided that it would be a waste of time to push any legislation along that line, since Governor Ferguson would veto it. One leading pro said he wants every pro to do what can be done for a business session.

Several resolutions have been introduced to provide for a convention to frame a new constitution. It is proposed to have the question submitted to a popular vote next July.

Senator McNealus wants it understood that such a convention shall not consider the liquor question nor the homestead law. He may as well know now that those two questions will be in it. How can a legislature dictate to constitution makers what shall or shall not go into it? The Federal constitution is the only power greater than the sovereignty of a state.

An amendment to the present constitution was offered last week to provide for 42 state senators instead of 31 and reduce the representative districts from 142 to 115. Fix the pay to legislators at seven dollars a day the first sixty days and —— dollars a day thereafter, mileage allowed to be ten cents.

There is merit in this measure. Stronger men may be induced to serve as law makers and surely ten cents a mile is enough to allow the members since it costs them not more than six cents to go and come.

The new governor is now on his job and even lots of people who voted against him in the primaries are coming to believe he will make a good governor.

### LEGISLATURE PILES UP MANY BILLS

Up to last Friday there had been about seventy-five bills offered in the lower house of the Texas legislature. Several are looking to enforcement of collection of delinquent taxes. One wants to extend penalty for non-payment in October instead of February. Six constitutional amendments are being considered to protect farmers who advance money to laborers. Prevent soliciting orders for sugar in dry territory. To divorce cotton gins and oil mills. Requiring that notice of pardon for convicts shall be given in county where

### MOTHER OF PHAGAN

GIRL ASKS \$10,000

Atlanta, Ga.—A suit asking \$10,000 damages on account of the death of Mary Phagan, for whose murder Leo M. Frank has been sentenced to die, was filed today against the National Penitentiary Company here, by Mrs. J. W. Coleman, the girl's mother.

She bases her claim for damages upon the allegation that the company was duty bound to keep its premises safe for her daughter and to protect her from the wilful and malicious acts of its own employees.

Counsel for Frank and the State of Georgia announced today that the Supreme court would be asked to hear Frank's appeal in his habeas corpus proceedings during the week of February 22.

### SPEAKER NAMES COMMITTEES; BAKER GETS FOUR IMPORTANT APPOINTMENTS

Hon. T. F. Baker is at his post as a member of the 34th Legislature and we feel sure he will make good and will be a credit to his county and district. Speaker Wood announced the personnel of 16 standing committees Monday, and Mr. Baker was appointed to place on four of them. He is a member of the following committees: Education, Banks and Banking, Judicial Districts and Appropriations.

**Methodist Church Committees.**  
Committee on Lay Activities of the Methodist church in Snyder: R. D. Black, Lay Leader; J. S. Hardy; C. L. Ewell; W. M. Curry.

This Committee will have supervision of all work of the lay.

The Lay Activities are divided into three parts and will be in charge of three committees, viz: A committee on Missions composed of men on, as follows:

W. S. Adamson; C. B. Alexander; P. M. Boles; K. D. Curr; Joe Caton; J. W. Conch; T. C. Davis; O. P. Thrane; Will Doak; O. P. Davenport; W. P. Duckett; Richard Webb; H. G. Towle; F. V. Clark; E. B. Raugh.

**Second Committee, Evangelism:** T. G. Deppenbach; W. C. Fullilove; G. E. Paxton; A. L. Elkins; D. Nation; J. L. Wackom; Porter King; Mrs. C. H. Alexander; Mrs. H. G. Towle; Mrs. C. L. Ewell; Mrs. W. M. Curry; Mrs. Laura Nation; Mrs. Myrtle Leslie; Mrs. Guy E. Paxton; Mrs. A. O. Scarborough; Miss Zada Maxwell; Miss Emma Nation.

**Third Committee, Social Service:** W. A. Rinehart; Dr. W. H. Johnson; Dr. J. W. Warren; Will Warren; Olin Hardy; J. P. Chamberlain; Mrs. W. A. Kincaid; Mrs. J. W. Warren; Mrs. W. H. Johnson; Mrs. C. L. Ewell; Mrs. C. H. Higgins; Mrs. Will Warren; Mrs. Joe Caton; Mrs. Olin Hardy; Mrs. E. B. Barnes; Mrs. Mand Marshall; Miss Minnie Chapman; Miss Veda Maxwell.

These committees will meet Sunday afternoon at the church at 2:30. They are pleased to note the name of our little friend Turner Baker, son of Representative T. F. Baker. Turner is a manly fellow and will fill the place right.

PASTOR

Lee Binson, a graduate in pharmacy has accepted a position in the Grayson Drug Company.

### SNYDER'S POSTAL BUSINESS SHOWS GOOD INCREASE

Post Master E. B. Barnes has kindly furnished the *Signal* the following report of the volume of receipts at the post office in Snyder:

Postal receipts at this post office for the year 1914, were \$6845.68 as against \$6938.16 for 1913, an increase of 14 per cent.

For the last quarter in 1914 shows \$2245.18 as against \$1810.59 for the same period in 1913, a net increase of 22 per cent.

The receipts for the month of December, 1914, were \$322.88 as against \$1742.88 in December, 1913, an increase of 32 per cent.

The above figures do not include the money order business. This increase in mail as is due in a large measure in the rural carrier service, which has proved a great convenience to the general public. By reason of this service the people throughout the country are reading the daily papers more than ever before. To give an idea of how the farmers are utilizing the advantage of daily delivery of mail at their homes, one rural carrier out of Snyder delivers 25 daily papers on his route and the other four routes come up in his record. Then the weeklies and semi-weeklies are out in great numbers to the farmers.

Besides this service the parcel post business is something considerable. One Scurry county man this week sent out several sacks of Sudan grass seed to customers in other countries and every day shows big piles of parcels post mail coming in and going out.

**City Council Matters.**  
The City Council met last Monday night in regular session. Present Mayor Nodle, Deputy Secretary, E. J. Anderson, Aldermen Eickes, Cummins, Monroe, Helm and Maxwell.

Accounts allowed:

Baker, Grayson & Anderson \$0.37 Dr. W. H. Johnson, inspecting hog pens and call to Allgood's ..... \$4.00 \$1 deducted from this bill belongs with school board.

Secretary was instructed to obtain original grade line of water works survey.

Mr. Henken submitted draft of charter for Joe & Electrical plant. Action deferred till next meeting.

**Santa Fe's New Time Card.**

The Santa Fe announces its new train schedule. We have looked forward anxiously for the time when through trains would be put on over this line and had felt sure that we would have two trains a day each way, but it looks now like we are to be disappointed. We get only the one train, and instead of a daylight morning train through Snyder, the northbound is to pass here just a few minutes before 2 o'clock in the night.

We hope the Santa Fe people may yet see their way clear to give Snyder and the other towns on this line a better service.

**Superintendent Watson Honored.**

Superintendent E. A. Watson, of the Snyder Schools has recently been elected by the committee, a member of the Summer Normal Faculty of Simmon's College at Abilene, one of the leading schools of West Texas. The honor came to Mr. Watson wholly unheralded and shows his excellent standing as a school man, in this section of Texas.

The Normal will begin the first week in June and will last eight weeks.

The Signal is glad of this distinction coming to our superintendent and they have made no mistake in the election.

Prof. Watson is a wide awake, well rounded and progressive school man and will make good in whatever line he may devote his efforts.

A. C. Wilmett and Frits Smith have gone to Austin to see the Ferguson administration and the new legislature in operation.

### SNYDER IN LOGICAL LINE FOR WEST TEXAS NORMAL

It is generally understood that the West Texas Normal School will be located somewhere below the Caprock and the locating committee will consider the moral standing of the community, the enterprise and thrift of the people, the quality and quantity of water and accessibility.

Snyder has all these points in high degree. Mild climate, good water in abundance, moral, intelligent, cultured, progressive people, surrounded by the best agricultural conditions to be found in West Texas and easy of access by railroads from all points in the state.

At the time the school was located at Canyon City, Snyder was admitted to be the most favorable natural location. When then we have added other important facilities. Notably the Santa Fe railroad, water works, sewage, electric lights, new substantial buildings and in other ways is in better position than ever before to put the proper inducements for the location. We should begin now to get in touch with the locating committee.

### ALBERT TINKER CASE TRANSFERRED TO SCURRY

The case of the State vs. Albert Tinker, on an alleged charge of arson was set for trial at Anson this week, to which place it had gone on change of venue.

District Attorney Simmon and County Attorney Weems have charge of the prosecution, and A. C. Wilmett is attorney for the defendant.

A big bunch of Snyder people went to Anson Sunday evening and the case was called Monday. It is learned that the jury had been selected and the trial started, when the County Health officer made known to the Attorneys and the Court that one member of the jury had a son who had developed a case of small pox, and he would have to place his under guarantee.

The attorneys so ordered and it is supposed the case will come up at the March term of the Court in Snyder, and was set for March 22d.

The crowd going over from Snyder for the trial were:

J. E. McNeil, J. B. Bates, Jim Bridgeman, O. P. Wolfe, Geo. W. Brown, George H. Brown, Jim Ellis, Ed Chapman, C. C. Bracken, Jr., W. H. Lee, Lou Smith, Joe White, Leslie Smith, A. C. Hartman, H. L. Terrell, May Garner, D. Anderson, H. H. Cotton, W. W. Weems, Mrs. A. D. Johnson, Catherine Johnson, A. C. Wilmett, J. A. Robish, R. J. Castor, Joe Beck, Will Burgett, Tom Jenkins, W. A. Pitts, Frank Newby.

The first case of interest was that of the state vs. Ray Spies, charged with selling intoxicating liquor in prohibition territory.

The state was represented by County Attorney, W. W. Weems and the defendant by Smith and Wilmett. The jury returned a verdict of acquittal.

Felts, disturbing the peace, fined \$1.00.

McCall, disturbing the peace, fined \$1.00.

Tom Payne, drunkard in public place, fined \$1.00.

Tom Payne, affray, fined \$1.00.

Tom Payne, disturbing the peace and abusive language, dismissed.

Joe Davis, impugning tenure, fined \$1.00.

Hill Cunningham, disturbing the peace, fine \$1.00.

Bob Hutchins, assault, fined \$5.00.

H. W. Hartley vs. Z. M. Moore, uses and intoxicates, dismissed.

D. P. Ladd vs. E. P. Jones and O. P. Hart, sold for 1910 damages, set for Tuesday of 2d week of court.

G. T. Hallmark vs. J. V. Riley, trial of rights of property on trial Thursday, verdict for plaintiff.

Hawkins Medicine Co. vs. F. M. Campbell, set for Wednesday, Feb. 2nd.

Harris Trotter vs. Farmers' Hall Exchange, continued to perfect service.

Higglestone-Harris Co. vs. G. A. Smith, continued for service.

R. P. Dugger vs. D. Duvall, set on and continued to perfect service.

**W. H. Crockett, Jr. Dead.**

The Signal learns this week of the recent death of W. H. Crockett, Jr. which occurred in San Benito.

Mr. Crockett was a son of W. H. Crockett, and a brother-in-law of C. C. Daniels of Snyder. The family moved from this county to South Texas about three years ago.

**Gov. Ferguson Inaugurated.**

The joint committee of the House and Senate convened the robes last Monday for Governor and Lieutenant Governor and the new officers were sworn in on Tuesday. Gov. Ferguson now has the reins in his hands and the general belief is that he will make a good chief executive.

**Preliminary Debate.**

The first of a series of preliminary debates was held Thursday morning at the High School building. The subject for discussion was: Resolved, that immigration should be restricted to those who can read and write in some language.

The affirmative was represented by Upton Cook and Otsey Hull; the negative by Bruce Autrey and Lee Hamner.

The boys showed considerable skill in presenting their arguments and all will make splendid debaters.

The next one of these debates will be held next Thursday morning at 8 o'clock. Visitors are always welcome.

Go over and lend the boys as much encouragement as possible. These debates develop latent powers of the boys and stimulate a study of the social and economic problems of the country.

**Marriage Permits Issued.**

Bart Pollard and Miss May Coster, A. Parker and Miss Mattie Casey,